

Delaware Health And Social Services

DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

PROCUREMENT

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PSC #797

HEALTH SYSTEMS PROTECTION PERMITTING DATA BASE

FOR

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Date Due: MARCH 18, 2008

11:00 AM

ADDENDUM # 1 Please Note:

THE ATTACHED SHEETS HEREBY BECOME A PART OF

THE ABOVE MENTIONED BID.

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CLARIFICATIONS

- 1. Off-network capabilities are not required. All users will access the application via the state network.
- 2. The Report Module will consist of an initial set of pre-defined parameterized reports. (This initial set of reports will be defined by the various programs and will be created prior to implementation.) After implementation, requests for additional reports will be submitted to the Helpdesk. The Helpdesk will develop the new reports and add them to the Report Module.
- 3. The Fee Tracking & Billing Module will track client demographics, calculate appropriate fees based on schedules and business rules, print invoices, track payment status, and perform other related functions. This module is not a formal accounts-receivable system, and will not process transactions, authorize payments, or perform any other fiscal activities.
- 4. Enforcement history component in the RFP must allow for perpetual tracking of enforcement actions for a given legal entity (defined by EIN or SSN), such as notice of violation, violation type, violation severity level, date of inspection, type of inspection, required compliance date, actual compliance date, administrative penalty levied, fine paid, for a permitted facility. Tracking must also be provided for sanctions levied against an individual's professional certification, such as annulment, suspension, or revocation.
- 5. Solutions hosted by a third party will be considered, but the preference is for the application be hosted on the state's internal DHSS network.
- 6. If the application is hosted on the state's network, it should support integrated authentication. (The application should obtain the user's credentials from the network and not require them to log into the application.)

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1	2.3	3	The RFP states, "The Division and Information Resource Management (IRM) will appoint co-Project Directors. These individuals will be responsible for monitoring project progress and will have final authority to approve/disapprove project deliverables and payments. IRM will serve as the technical liaison with DTI (see below). The selected contractor will coordinate efforts for this project with the Division and IRM co-Project Directors." How will 2 individuals serve as the final authority for deliverable approval and payment? How will the Department ensure alignment of these 2 approval authorities?	Approval will be done according to existing DPH internal procedures.
2	3	4	Does "HSP Permitting Database" refer to the backend database only, or the application, inclusive of its database?	The "HSP Permitting Database" refers to the full application (including the database).
3	3.1	4	Is there a preferred GIS software package?	ESRI is the preferred GIS software package.

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4	3.1	5	The RFP states, "System maintenance/customer support 24	Helpdesk coverage will be required
			hours/day, 7 days/week"	7am – 7pm M-F (excluding holidays)
			Will the solution be hosted in government facilities or at contractor	3 rd -party hosted solutions will be
			facilities (development, UAT, production)?	considered; however, the preference
				is for the application to be hosted on
				the state's internal network.
5	3.1	6	The RFP states that there will be a "Fee tracking and Billing Module".	No EFT, fee tracking and billing will
				be an electronic process to replace
			Is Electronic Funds Transfer required in this system?	current paper trail
				See Program Response Attachment
6	3.1	6	The RFP states, "Data migration: System shall allow for data migration	There will be an ongoing need
			via upload from Excel spreadsheets or other methodology deemed	beyond implementation for the
			feasible."	application to periodically connect to
				external data sources maintained by
			Will this migration occur as part of the implementation only or is their	the programs in order to update
			a continuing need to allow data migrations using the user interface?	demographic data and data from
				which fees are calculated, certificates
			What data is tracked today in the Excel spreadsheets?	are derived, etc.

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7	4.2	10	The RFP states that "It is important to note that documentation on the	This access will be granted to the
			existing systems may be missing, incomplete, out of date or in error."	winning vendor.
			Will access to existing systems (of various user types) be granted to the	
			vendor to allow for verification of documentation?	
8	4.3	11	"Remote connectivity through SSLVPN is available for offsite work	Hosting may be proposed as either
			for contracted staff that must access, update or maintain servers	off-site or on-site (at the Biggs Data
			and/or applications in the DMZ."	Center). There is 24x7 helpdesk
				response available for critical issues.
			Does this imply hosting is to occur at government facilities? Are there	
			staff available 24/7/365 at the hosting site to assist in accessing	Required on-site staff as specified in
			hardware?	section 5.1 of the RFP will be co-
				located.
			Are vendor staff to be co-located with government staff at the hosting	
			site?	
9	5.1	12	Will the state provide functional experts for participation in JADs.	Yes, SMEs will be provided to
			What are the broad or specific functional areas that will be provided	represent each business process to
			for? This will indicate any gaps that need to be filled with contractor	participate in JADs.
			functional experts, as called for in section 5.1.	

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10	5.1.1	13	"Contractor will be responsible for all other office necessities including	Equipment and software purchased
			workstation and required software."	with contract funds become the
				property of DPH.
			Can the vendor include the cost of these items in the cost proposal, if	
			the workstations and software are dedicated to this project?	
11	5.1.1	13	On-Site Staffing Requirement:	No, on-site staffing not required
				beyond 1 year.
			Are all of the positions listed required on site beyond year 1? If not,	
			please advise which positions would remain beyond year 1.	
12	5.1.6	14	"Vendor Help Desk expertise is critical to the success of the system.	Helpdesk support is required 7am-
			Staff proposed for this function does not need to be dedicated	7pm M-F for system administrators,
			exclusively to this role."	program administrators, field staff,
				data entry
			Please provide the number of users by user type to assist with vendor	
			calculation of help desk support requirements. What hours of the day	See Program Response Attachment
			will each user type access the system?	
13	5.6	16	"In terms of proposal costs, vendor will be expected to develop total	5 years out
			project costs that include purchase of hardware and software, out year	
			hardware and software licensing, support and maintenance costs along	
			with staffing projection costs."	
			How many years forward must be considered when pricing for the	
			"out years"?	

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14	5.1.1	17	"Sungard Recovery Systems is contracted as the client/server and	The department's contract with
			mainframe cold site contractor."	Sungard covers DR hardware.
			Should the vendor cost proposal include hardware for housing at Sungard or does the Department's contract with Sungard cover hardware?	
15	5.15.2	20	"a separate, isolated UAT environment shall be set up so as to	The UAT environment will remain
			minimize interference with the production environment."	available throughout contract duration.
			Will the UAT environment remain throughout contract duration to	
			assist with the user acceptance of system corrections or functional	
			changes?	
16	5.15.6	21	Will training be conducted via the web or face-to-face? Is ongoing	Initial training must be provided
			training to be provided by the vendor? Shall train-the-trainer or	onsite by the vendor and targeted to
			refresher training be submitted with the cost proposal?	each level of user.
17	4.4	11	How may the Contractor present relevant facts to facilitate a fast and	Process for evaluating performance
			fully informed determination with respect to whether the Contractor	standards is outlined in the RFP and
			has satisfied the performance standards?	will be determined by DHSS co-
				Project Directors
	N/A	N/A	If Contractor's ability to invoice depends on data from the Division,	Division anticipates providing
18			and the Division does not provide this data in a timely manner, may	information in an acceptable
			Contractor invoice and be paid on good-faith estimates?	timeframe.

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19	8.8	36	Would the Division be willing to receive invoices by facsimile and make payments by wire transfer?	No, not at this time.
20	8.8	36	In the unlikely event that the Division were not to pay the undisputed amount of an invoice within 30 days, what late fee would the Division agree to pay with respect to that amount?	None.
21	8.8	36	What type of prompt payment discount would the Division prefer to receive for payment of an invoice before the end of the time period during which payment is required under the Contract?	None.
22	5.14, 5.15.8	19 – 22	Would the Division limit software warranties, where applicable, with customary exclusions for error-free operations so long as the software materially conforms with specifications?	The winning bidder's exceptions to the standard contract language will be discussed during contract negotiations.
23	8.5, Appendix C, § B.4	36, 50	Would the Division agree that the Contractor will not be obligated to indemnify for the State's breach of contract, negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct?	Section 8.5 of the RFP makes clear that the Contractor is only required to indemnify the State for acts or omissions of the Contractor, not for acts or omissions by the Division.

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24	8.5,	36,	Would the Division provide the Contractor with the right to consent	Yes, in principle, but the Bidder
	Appendix	50	to the settlement of any claim for which the contractor must indemnify	should draft language to that effect
	C, § B.4		the State? Absent this right, accurately accounting for the risk of	for the Division's review and
			indemnification will be enormously challenging and may result in a	approval.
			higher risk-adjusted price for the State.	
	N/A	N/A	Would the Division agree to indemnify the Contractor for any breach	No. Article VIII, Section 3 of the
25			of contract, negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct by the	Delaware State Constitution
			Division or its employees, including but not limited to damages caused	prohibits such an indemnification
			by the incorrect entry of a social security number prior to the effective	agreement: "No money shall be
			date of the Contract?	borrowed or debt created by or on
				behalf of the State but pursuant to
				an Act of the General Assembly,
				'
26	N/A	N/A	Would the Division agree to limit the Contractor's liability to the	No.
			Contractor's revenue from the Agreement?	
27	5.1 – 5.1.6	12 –	Would the Division consider not requiring key personnel to be located	Key personnel are expected to be
		22	in a specific office if, by so doing, the Contractor could provide better	located at state facilities specified in
			service?	the RFP. Exceptions to this will be
				evaluated on a case by case basis.

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28	5.1 – 5.1.6	12 – 22	Would the Division agree to provide Contractor with reasonable exceptions to the retention requirements of key personnel if doing so will allow the Division and Contractor to most efficiently manage staffing needs?	Division expects vendor to adhere to retention requirements. Exceptions to this will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
29	Appendix A, § 8.	41	Would the Division clarify that the Contractor retains ownership of (i) general know-how, (ii) proprietary standard operating procedures, and (iii) intellectual property owned by third parties?	The Division does not believe the Contractor has any legally cognizable ownership interest in "general know-how" but acknowledges that Section 8 of Appendix A does not require the Contractor to assign any rights in general, non-proprietary know-how. Please specify what "standard operating procedures" you believe may be "proprietary." As for intellectual property owned by third parties, if you have a lease or other agreement to use that information it must be assigned to the Division.

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30	Appendix A, § 6.	41	Would the Division agree that a Contractor that is a for-profit entity only must complete an A-133 audit to the extent possible for such an entity?	Yes
31	Appendix C, § C.5	54	Would the Division agree that inspections, monitoring, and audits exclude personnel records, must be limited to the subject of the Contract, and must be conducted only upon 10 business days advance notice to Contractor to ensure that the Contractor will be prepared with the information that Division needs and thus save the Division time and money?	The inspections, monitoring, and audits can include the examination of any information that pertains to the contract. This includes any information as to how the invoices for the services provided by the contractor are developed. The Division will normally provide 10 days notice but it also reserves the right to monitor, inspect and audit with less or no advance notice.

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32	8.7	36	Except with respect to protected health information, would the Division agree to customary exceptions to Contractor's obligation to keep information confidential, such as (i) publicly available through no act of recipient, (ii) already in possession, (iii) rightfully received from third party, (iv) independently developed, and (iv) required by judicial or government order to disclose?	The confidentiality clause applies only to information the Contractor may obtain from the Division during the course of the project and therefore would not apply to: information already known to the contractor, information that is publicly available, or information acquired from third parties. Please identify what information you believe you may be required to disclose "by judicial or government order."
33	8.3	35	Would the Division agree to extend the contract only with the consent of the Contractor?	No. Extending the contact would be considered amending the contract. Appendix C, paragraph B.14 states, "This contract shall not be altered, changed, modified or amended except by written consent of all Parties to the contract."

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34	N/A	N/A	May Contractor have at least thirty (30) days to cure a breach of contract?	The Division will provide the contractor with 30 days notice of conditions endangering their performance under the contract resulting from this RFP prior to taking any action to terminate the contract.
35	Appendix C, § B.11(c)	52	Would the Division provide the Contractor with at least sixty (60) calendar days notice of termination without cause to facilitate a smooth transition of services?	As stated in Appendix C, Paragraph B.11.c, the contract can be terminated "by either party without cause upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other party, unless a longer period is specified in Appendix A." The Division would consider allowing 60 calendar days written notice of termination as a provision in the contract resulting from this RFP. However, that discussion would occur during contract negotiations with the successful bidder.

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36	Appendix	52	Would the Division clarify that, if the Division terminates without	As it states in Appendix C,
	C,		cause, the Division must reimburse Contractor for start-up costs and	Paragraph B. 11, "The Contractor
	§ B.11(c)		costs associated with employee terminations?	shall be entitled to receive
				reasonable compensation as
				determined by the Department in its
				sole discretion for any satisfactory
				work completed on such documents
				and other materials that are usable to
				the Department. Whether such
				work is satisfactory and usable is
				determined by the Department in its
				sole discretion." The Division may
				reimburse the contractor for these
				costs.
37	Appendix	52	Would the Division clarify what standards will be used to determine	Whether the work is satisfactory and
	С,		whether partially completed work turned over upon termination meets	usable is to be determined in the
	§ B.11(c)		the "satisfactory and usable" standard?	sole discretion of the Department
				and cannot be determined in
				advance but only on a case-by-case
				basis.

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38	Appendix	52	Would the Division clarify whether any transition activities are required	A "continuity of services" clause
	C,		of Contractor and whether Contractor will be compensated for such	would be to the Division's benefit.
	§ B.11(c)		activities?	The following proposed language
				may be discussed with the successful
				bidder:
				The Contractor agrees to furnish
				phase-in training and to exercise its
				best efforts and cooperation to
				effect an orderly and efficient
				transition to a successor subject of
				the Division's approval. The
				Contractor shall be reimbursed for
				all reasonable phase-in, phase-out
				costs.
39	Appendix	51	Would the Division agree that if statutory or regulatory changes impact	In the event of a significant statutory
	С,		contract scope, performance, or payment, then the State shall equitably	or regulatory change, the Contractor
	§ B.14		adjust Contractor's compensation?	may submit a written proposal to the
				Division to amend the agreement
				pursuant to Appendix C, ¶14.

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	N/A	N/A	Would the Division agree to mediation for resolution of disputes to	No.
40			facilitate the better understanding and the most productive discussion	
			concerning contractual issues?	
	N/A	N/A	Would the Division agree that its response related to a dispute must be	The RFP does not have a "right to
41			issued within 30 calendar days, to facilitate a swift and amicable	cure" clause. Paragraph 11(a)
			resolution?	of Appendix C provides for
				termination for cause or
				documented unsatisfactory
				performance with five days' notice.

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	N/A	N/A	Would the Division agree to excuse performance by the Contractor as	The bidder is asking for what is
42			a result of any event beyond the reasonable control of Contractor,	commonly known as a "force
			including but not limited to strikes, telecommunications outages, and	majeure" clause. The Division may
			terrorist acts, so long a performance is excused only to such extent and	be willing to include such a clause in
			duration as is reasonably necessary?	the contract (a court would likely
				imply such a clause into the contract
				as a matter of law). However, we
				suggest it be more limited in scope
				and would propose the following
				language: The Contractor shall not
				be liable for any failure or delay in
				performance under the Contract
				which is the direct and proximate
				result of war, riot, civil disturbance,
				act of God or public enemy or
				terrorist, including drought, flood,
				earthquake, storm, fire, lightening,
				epidemic, sabotage, or labor strike.

	RFP Refe	erence		
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43	3.1	4-6	Is there a requirement to utilize the current data model?	No. A path for
				migrating current
				program data into the
				application database
				must be provided,
				however.
44	3.1	4-6	Data Entry Requirements:	No, testing is
			Is the system required to allow individuals schedule and take online	currently handled by
			tests?	external exam
				administration firms.
45	3.1	4-6	Capability to produce customized permits, licenses and certificates:	Multiple certificates
			Are the certificates printed using pre-printed certificates from multiple	are currently used.
			sources or are they printed from one source and then mailed out?	DPH will consider
				use of standard
				formatting across all
				certificates on case by
				case basis.
46	3.1	(p. 4-6)	Reports Module:	Reporting capability
			Is there any specific reporting tool that needs to be used or is the	is limited to pre-
			reporting capability limited to pre-defined reports generated within	defined
			the application?	parameterized reports
				generated within the

				application. Requests for additional reports must be fulfilled by the Helpdesk and made available via the application's
47	3.1	(p. 4-6)	Reports Module:	Reporting Module. All the modules
			Regarding the requirement to pull data from other modules to generate management reports: Is the data from the other modules stored in a relational database?	referenced will exist in the subject database.
48	3.1	(p. 4-6)	Fee tracking and billing module: Is the process to apply the administrative fees and penalties subjective?	No.
49	3.1	(p. 4-6)	Fee tracking and billing module: Is there an existing Algorithm or is one needed?	Permit fees vary from program to program and are based on program data, schedules, and specific business rules. See Program Response

				Attachment
50	3.1	(p. 4-6)	Fee tracking and billing module: Is there a need for an accounting system to manage the billing and payments?	No. Please refer to RFP Clarification for additional description of the Fee Tracking and Billing Module.
51	5.6	16	State Architecture Requirements Would there be any issue in using WebLogic as the application server?	This is not a preferred technology.
52	5.7	16	Database Design Is the choice of Oracle as the backend database acceptable?	Oracle as a backend is acceptable. Given that DHSS staff have limited technical experience with this platform, vendor will be expected to provide support for this product.
53	5.9	16-17	Degree of Customization The RFP states that in case of a COTS software the customization	The division expects a COTS product that

			should not exceed 20%. What if requirement mandates changes that	will satisfy most of its
			will make the customization more than 20%? Is this flexible?	requirements out of
				the box. Excessive
				customization will
				increase costs. DPH
				expects to limit its
				customization
				requirements to stay
				within budget.
54	5.15.2	20	Site Requirements	This will be discussed
			Can you provide some details of the existing infrastructure at the	with the winning
			Biggs Data center?	vendor.
55	5.15.2	20	Site Requirements	Yes.
			Are all the users going be behind the state firewall?	
56	5.15.2	20	Site Requirements	VPN
			Is the state going to grant access to the Vendor via VPN or Secure	
			ID5	
57	5.15.3	21	System Testing	Bidder is expected to
			Are there any specific testing tools that are supported by the state of	propose tools and
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		Delaware to conduct performance, load and regression tests?	/or methodology for
			this purpose.
			However the state
			has in the past has
			used openSTA and
			has contracted with a
			vendor using
			Loadrunner.
58		Confidentiality of Data	Confidentiality and
		It was stated that Web access may be required for users in the field.	appropriate security
		With an increase in identify theft via the internet and in line with the	measures will be
		voluntary initiatives taken by other states, what (if any) are the	discussed with the
		applicable laws in the State of Delaware mandating the redaction of	winning vendor.
		personal information such as social security numbers from documents	
		accessed via the Web?	

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59			How many custom reports (and number of pages per report) do you want the vendor to provide with the new system?	To be determined application definition and design process.
60			For data conversion, what are the systems and number of records for each system to be converted?	See Program Response attachment.
61			Where does the state get property information from (such as address, tax id, ownership, etc.)? If from multiple sources, how many sources?	Property data is obtained from a variety of sources.
62			Can the State provide the required forms listed in the RFP in MS Word format so that they can be filled out electronically?	Application forms will be provided in PDF format. See Attachments

	RFP Refe	TP Reference				
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63		13	Since DHSS will be providing the office space for the contractor's on-site presence (pg 13) is it safe to assume that the contractors will be sitting with the DHSS staff and not with the IT group? Will the IRM Project Director be located in the same building?	IRM		
64		10	On page 10 in section 4.2, in the statement reading "No DHSS technical staff will be assigned to this project to assist in the coding of the system." does coding refer to application development or the definition and mapping of field value lists?	Both.		
65			Is the vendor's help desk expected to support ad-hoc reporting?	Yes, follow-up report development would be sought through help desk.		
66			What is the expected response time for support issues that arise outside normal business hours? Is the expectation that a live person would answer the support phone at all times or would a pager and an agreed	Live support is expected 7am-7pm EST M-F.		

			upon response time suffice?	
67	5.15.7		In regards to section 5.15.7 (Support Services), does the state expect the vendor to install future updates and new releases or simply make them available to the state?	In the event IRM hosts the application; IRM would be implementing all production moves. In the event the application is 3 rd party hosted it is expected the vendor would implement all production moves.
68		17	On page 17, the RFP states that software will be categorized as COTS if customization does not exceed 20%. How are the 20% calculated? If the vendor has a modular software solution and plans on using the existing framework (security functionality, database schema, etc.) and modifying an existing module to create a new one that fully meets the requirements of this RFP, would this be considered within the 20% allowed for customization	The division expects a COTS product that will satisfy most of its requirements out of the box. Excessive

		customization will
		increase costs.
		DPH expects to
		limit its
		customization
		requirements to
		stay within budget.